

Please add the following new claims to this application:

61. In a blood sampler having a tubular outer body with an open end and a needle retraction body disposed opposite the open end, the improvement comprising an end obstruction for the tubular outer body that initiates retraction of a needle into the tubular outer body by operation of the retraction body.

62. In a blood sampler having a tubular outer body with an open end and a needle retraction body disposed opposite the open end, the improvement comprising a member attachable to the outer body adjacent its open end, the member being selectively movable from a first position in which the member does not traverse the open end to a second position in which the member traverses the open end and also initiates retraction of a needle into the outer body by operation of the retraction body.

REMARKS

Claims 54-58 are amended to recite a blood sampler. Support for Claims 54-58 is found, for example, at col. 4, lines 62-63. Claims 59 and 60 are cancelled without prejudice in light of the amendments to Claims 54-58.

New Claim 61 recites a blood sampler comprising an end obstruction that initiates retraction. New Claim 62 recites a blood sampler comprising a member attachable to the outer body adjacent its open end. In Claim 22, the member is selectively movable from a first position to a second position to initiate retraction. Support for Claims 61 and 62 is found in the specification and drawings as originally filed.

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